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# CIA Chief Criticizes Proposed Charter

## Says Prior Notification Rule Could Have 'Chilling Effect'

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WASHINGTON—CIA Director Stansfield Turner, Thursday criticized provisions of a proposed CIA charter that would require Senate and House intelligence committees to be notified in advance of covert intelligence operations.

He told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that the prior notification requirement could have "a very chilling effect" on CIA operations.

Under questioning, Turner disclosed that he has not always kept Congress informed in advance of "anticipated activities." He did not amplify, and the committee did not pursue the matter because, as one member said later, "It is something very sensitive."

Turner was the lead-off witness as the committee opened 10 days of hearings on legislation that for the first time would spell out do's and don'ts for U.S. intelligence agencies—guidelines that are at present specified only in presidential directives.

The bill, introduced two weeks ago with bipartisan support, climaxed five years of deliberations over CIA abuses. It is being considered amid growing demands that the CIA be "unleashed" in the wake of the crises in Iran and Afghanistan.

When the bill was introduced, President Carter told the committee it had his "virtually complete agreement." But Turner went before the committee with eight objections to the legislation.

Visibly annoyed, Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), the committee chairman, said, "I'm surprised to see there are eight differences." Bayh said it had been his impression there were only two differences—the requirement for advance notice of covert operations and a provision barring CIA agents from posing as clergymen, journalists or academicians.

Bayh asked if, apart from the eight objections, the Administration concurred with the rest of the 172-page bill. Turner replied that he had "a couple of small ones" that he

did not specify.

To this, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) interjected with sarcasm, "With the exception of those eight, is there anything left of the bill?"

Turner objected to the requirement that the two intelligence committees be notified in advance of covert operations.

"It would be difficult to look someone in the eye whom I was asking to risk his life when his safety depends on a number of people over whom I have no control," Turner said. "I wouldn't do it."